

IN MEMORIAM

Christian Verbeke
1931-1998

It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of Christian Verbeke, a long time colleague and friend of many IALL members throughout the world.

Christian agreed to be a speaker at our 16th Course in Lund in 1997, but health problems prevented him at the last minute from participating. Volume 25, the proceedings issue from that conference, has just been published. Thanks to **Mirelle M. Vanlaecken**, we have his collected wisdom as a bookseller in "*The appraisal of Early Books: Problem and Paradox*," as a substitute for the lecture he might have presented. It is with special warmth that I also refer to his latest contribution to these pages, his book review on page 275 "Precis de methodologie juridique: les sources documentations du droit."

My association with Christian dates back to the time when I first became aware of his rare book catalogs. His advice and annotations since that time have both been thoughtful and cogent. Although based in Belgium he was as comfortable working with early English legal materials as with those from the continent, and became a regular adviser to me and to our library in developing our special collections. As an antiquarian dealer, bibliographer, legal scholar, and philosopher, Christian will be missed by all of us who knew him or his work. For some of us, the void will be accentuated by the loss of a friend of unusual wit, intellect, courage and humor as well.

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